Enumeration of other backward classes

3464. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to have enumeration of Other Backward classes (OBC) population conducted in deference to the order passed on 29th March, 2007 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the salient details of the proposed exercise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of SCs and STs listed in the 1951 enumeration and their numbers in 2001;

(e) the total number of OBCs listed in 1931 enumeration and the numbers of clans and sub-clans which stand identified as OBCs in current list; and

(f) the details of the procedure foliowed in conducting additions/ subtractions in the list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has not delivered the final judgement.

(d) 853 communities were notified as SCs/STs in 1950 and in 2001 their number stood at 1829.

(e) the nomenclature 'OBCs' was not prevalent in 1931.

(f) The modification to Central List of OBCs are approved by the Central Government on the recommendations of the National Commission for Backward Classes.

Rehabilitation Centres for Mentally ill

3465. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rehabilitation Centres for mentally ill persons in the country, especially for women; and

(b) what are the Rehabilitation Schemes that have been introduced by Government for mentally ill in past five years and what are the scheme which are being planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Eleven Half-way Homes for psycho-social rehabilitation of treated and controlled mentally ill persons are being funded by this Ministry. The beneficiaries in four of these homes are only women.

(b) The Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme of this Ministry has been catering to the rehabilitation needs of the mentally ill.

Problem of begging

3466. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether begging and giving alms are offences in the capital city;

(b) if so, whether there are agencies to check these beggars who are causing nuisance at traffic signals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Begging is an offence in the Capital city under the Bombay prevention of Begging Act, 1959 as extended to Delhi. Under this Act, giving alms is not an offence.

(b) Delhi Police is the agency to check the begging menace at traffic signals.

(c) Does not arise.

Ratification of international Convention of Rights of persons with Disabilities

3467. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: